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SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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OPENING OF SCHOOLS FOR BLIND PERSONS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 3% reservation for employment of disabled and opening of more schools for the blinds particularly in rural areas for making them self sufficient has been made effective by the Government as per provisions of persons with Disabilities (PDP) Act, 1995;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) to (c) Yes Sir, the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 provides for 3% reservation in vacancies in the identified posts to be filled by the Appropriate Governments. The Act also enjoins upon Appropriate Governments and local authorities to endeavour to promote the integration of students with disabilities in the normal schools and also to promote setting up of special schools in Government and private sector for those in need of special education.

According to Department of Personnel & Training, during 2005, in 47 Government Ministries/Departments 5600 direct recruitments were made out of which 389 persons with disabilities were appointed. This works out as 6.94% of the total recruitments (instead of 3% as provided in the Act) made during that year. Already more than 400 institutions in the Government and private sector are functioning in various States/UTs for the persons with visual disabilities.